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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The sixth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 5 to 9 May 2014. The role of the Commission, as defined in paragraph 201 of the Accra Accord, is to conduct policy dialogue on one or two selected issues, consider reports of expert meetings, manage and recommend for approval the work programme of expert meetings within its purview, and promote and strengthen synergies among the three pillars.

2. The substantive agenda items of the sixth session of the Trade and Development Commission were approved on 20 September 2013, during the sixtieth session of the Trade and Development Board. This session of the Commission will discuss the role of international trade in the post-2015 development agenda as well as developing sustainable and resilient transport systems in views of emerging challenges. It will review and adopt the reports of expert meetings. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat which have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

3. As provided in paragraph 190 of the Accra Accord, the sixth session of the Commission should aim at producing outcomes that are more action-oriented and identify practical solutions to trade and development problems. As stipulated in paragraph 203 of the Accra Accord, the outcomes of the session will be agreed conclusions from the policy dialogue and recommendations to the secretariat achieved within the scheduled time of the session.

Item 1
Election of officers

4. In accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Main Committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Commission is to elect a Chair, five Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of seven members: four members from lists A and C combined, two from list B and one from list D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended.

5. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for the sixth session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list D, a Rapporteur from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, three Vice-Chairs from lists A and C combined, and two Vice-Chairs from list B.

Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The agenda was prepared in accordance with the Accra Accord and the Doha Mandate. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

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Item 3
Reports of expert meetings

(a) Reports of the multi-year expert meetings

7. Under item 3(a), the Commission will review and discuss the outcomes of three multi-year expert meetings as follows:

(i) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/3	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation on its first session

(ii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/27	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its sixth session

(iii) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/6	Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its second session

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

8. Under agenda item 3(b), the Commission will review and discuss the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its thirteenth session.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/25	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its thirteenth session

Item 4
The role of international trade in the post-2015 development agenda

9. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will submit a paper on the role of international trade in the post-2015 development agenda. The paper will discuss the contribution of trade towards economic growth and development and also map out the policy areas and flanking measures which could facilitate and enhance the role of trade as an enabler of inclusive development. The discussion under this agenda item will also focus on how best to capture the development impact of trade in a post-2015 development agenda, including the related targets and indicators.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/33	The role of international trade in the post-2015 development agenda

Item 5
Developing sustainable and resilient transport systems in view of emerging challenges

10. Under this agenda item, the Commission will review challenges faced in particular by landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in their access to global transport and logistics networks, as an essential condition to integrating into global value chains. Of particular relevance are the impacts on international logistics operations, including potential disruption of services, related to climate change. Long-term sustainable transport policy and financial options will also be addressed.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/34	Developing sustainable and resilient transport systems in view of emerging challenges

Item 6
Promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

11. Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD's work in the areas covered by this Commission. A presentation of the progress accomplished since the last session of this Commission will be made by Division on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, Division on Technology and Logistics; and the Special Unit on Commodities.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CRP.6	Progress report on activities related to the implementation of the provisions of the Doha Mandate and the Accra Accord related to commodities
TD/B/C.I/CRP.5	Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars related to transport and trade facilitation and cross-divisional capacity-building
UNCTAD/DITC/2014/1	*Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities: Activity Report 2013*
UNCTAD/DTL/2014/1	*Division on Technology and Logistics: Activity Report*

Item 7
Other business

12. Under this agenda item, the Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board, for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the seventh session of the Commission.

Item 8
Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

13. The report of the sixth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.